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The Honorable Louise M. Slaughter
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3221

Dear Representative Slaughter:

This is in further response to your April 19, 2006, letter regarding DoD procurement policy for armored vehicles and body armor. You expressed concern whether DoD followed proper procedures for the procurement of that equipment.

As you know, we have separated your request into separate audits – one for armored vehicles and one for body armor. To specifically address your concerns, we announced an audit on armored vehicles on May 15, 2006, and announced a new audit for body armor on November 9, 2006. A copy of the announcement letter for body armor is enclosed. We estimate to issue a final report on the audit of body armor in October 2007. We will provide you the results of the audit upon its completion.

We also notified you in May 2006 that we had an ongoing project reviewing "Equipment Status of Deployed Forces Within the U.S. Central Command," Audit Report No. D-2007-049, January 25, 2007. Although this project evaluated equipment status of deployed forces, the audit did not specifically address issues related to the procurement of body armor. This report, which is classified Secret, found that Service members were not always equipped to effectively complete their missions. A copy of the executive summary of the report is enclosed, and the classified report is available upon request.

Regarding the armored vehicles portion of your request, we have completed fieldwork and have begun working on a draft report concerning Army and Marine Corps contracts with Armor Holdings, Inc., and Force Protection, Inc. We estimate to issue a final report on the audit of ~~body armor~~ in July 2007. We will provide you the results of the audit upon its completion. *armored vehicles*

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (703) 604-8324.

Sincerely,

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Communications and Congressional Liaison

Enclosures: as stated



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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Audit of the Procurement, Distribution, and Use of Body Armor in the Department of Defense (Project No. D2007-D000LA-0054.000)

We will begin the subject audit in November 2006 in response to a congressional request. Our objectives will be to evaluate: (1) procurement history and practices for body armor; and (2) the effect that the Army's decision to ban the use of personally purchased body armor has on the safety of Service members.

We will perform initial audit work at the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition Technology and Logistics), Defense Logistics Agency, Joint Staff, Office of the Army Acquisition Executive, Army Materiel Command, and Marine Corps Systems Command. Other organizations may be identified during the survey phase of the audit.

Management must provide a point of contact (POC) in writing. The point of contact must be a Government employee, either a GS-15 or the military equivalent. Please include the name, title, grade, phone number, and e-mail address of the POC to Mr. Donald A. Bloomer at (703) 604-8863 (DSN 664-8863) (Donald.Bloomer@dodig.mil) or Ms. Deborah D. Crosier at (703) 604-8770 (DSN 664-8770) (Deborah.Crosier@dodig.mil). Management must send the names of the points of contact listed below within 30 days of the date of this announcement.

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